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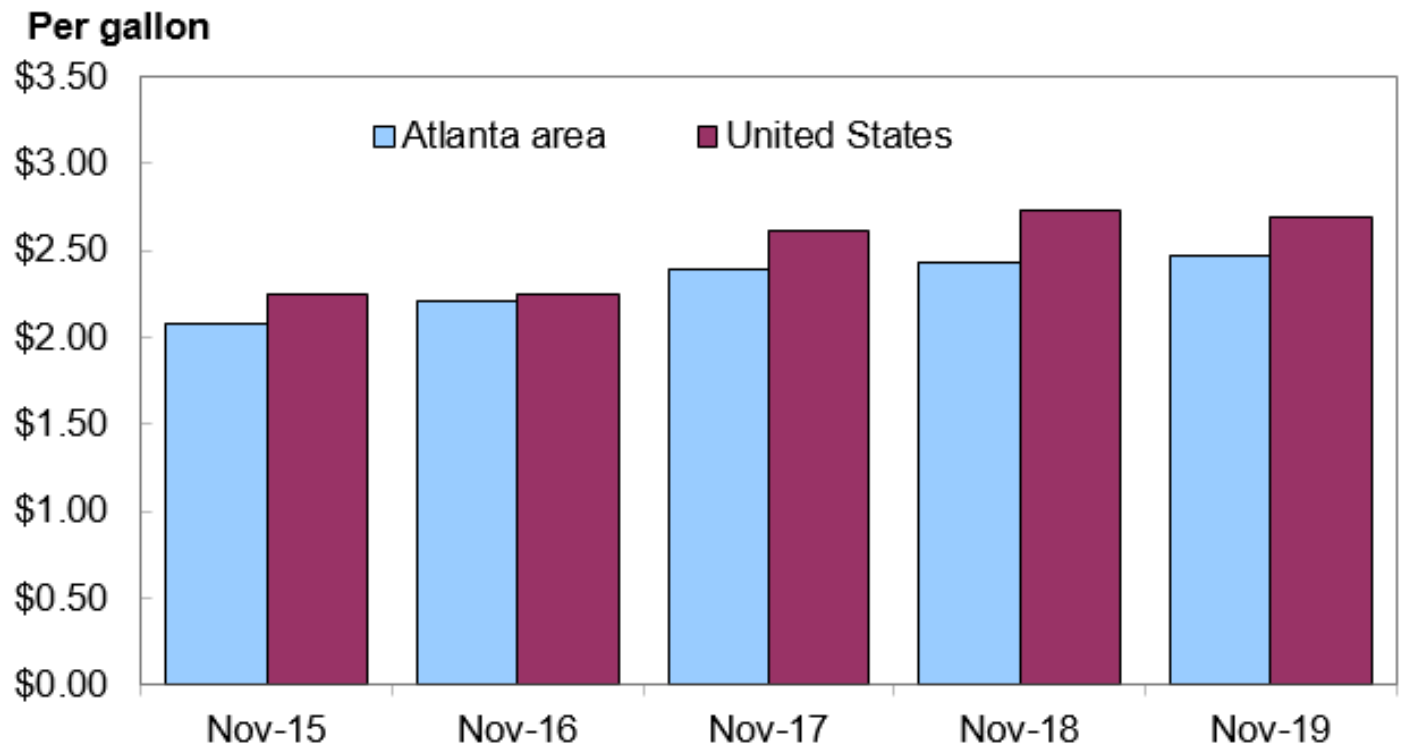
Average Energy Prices, Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell – November 2019

Gasoline prices averaged $2.475 a gallon in the Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell area in November 2019, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Regional Commissioner Janet S. Rankin noted that area gasoline prices were similar to last November when they averaged $2.429 per gallon. Atlanta area households paid an average of 11.9 cents per kilowatt hour (kWh) of electricity in November 2019, higher than the 10.8 cents per kWh paid in November 2018. The average cost of utility (piped) gas at $1.763 per therm in November was similar to the $1.785 per therm spent last year. (Data in this report are not seasonally adjusted. Accordingly, month-to-month changes may reflect the impact of seasonal influences.)

Atlanta area consumers paid $2.475 a gallon for gasoline in November 2019, 7.9 percent less than the $2.687 paid nationally. A year earlier, consumers in the Atlanta area paid 11.1 percent less than the national average for a gallon of gasoline. The local price of gasoline in the Atlanta area has been lower than the national average by more than 7 percent in the month of November in 4 of the past 5 years. (See chart 1.)
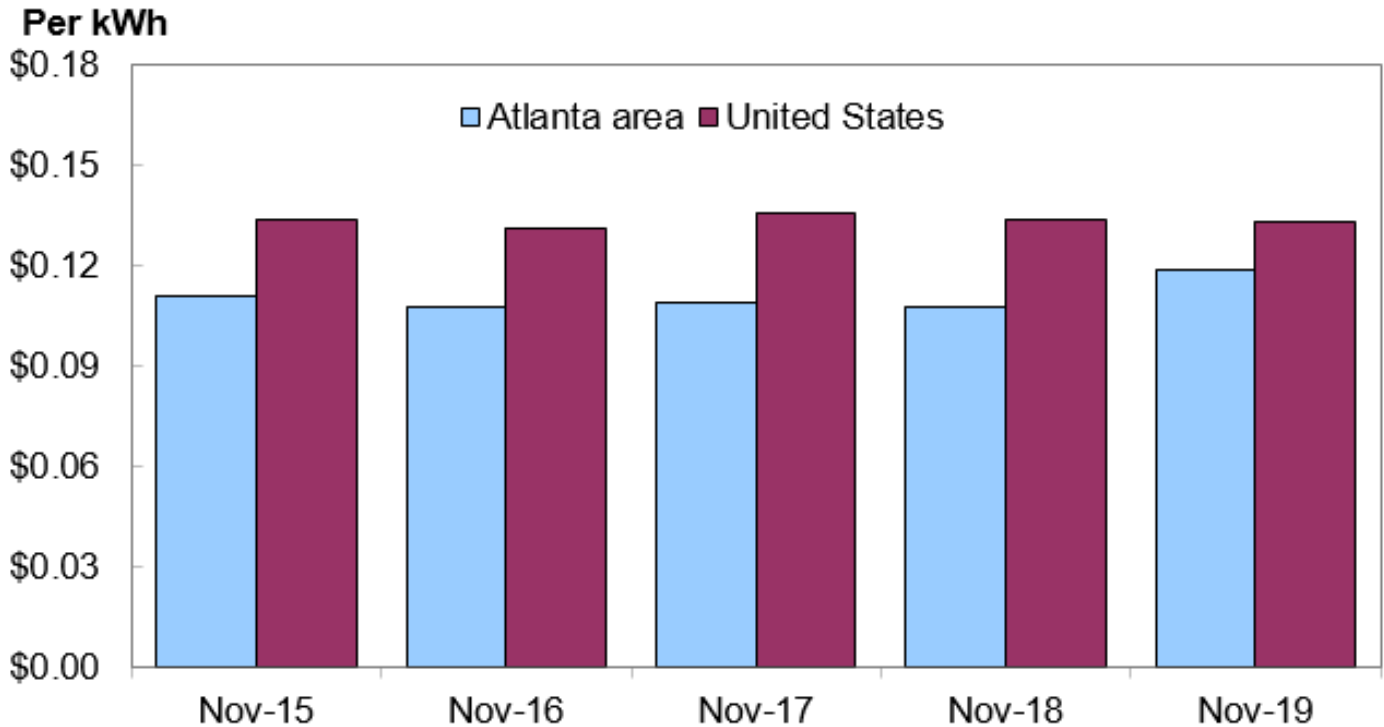
Chart 1. Average prices for gasoline, Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell and the United States, 2015–2019 (as of November)

Per gallon

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The 11.9 cents per kWh Atlanta households paid for electricity in November 2019 was 10.5 percent less than the nationwide average of 13.3 cents per kWh. Last November, electricity costs in the Atlanta area were 19.4 percent lower than the U.S. average. In 4 of the past 5 years, electricity costs in November for Atlanta households was at least 17 percent less than the U.S. average. (See chart 2.)

Chart 2. Average prices for electricity, Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell and the United States, 2015–2019 (as of November)

Per kWh

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Prices paid by Atlanta area consumers for utility (piped) gas, commonly referred to as natural gas, were $1.763 per therm, or 66.6 percent higher than the national average in November 2019 ($1.058 per therm). A year earlier, area consumers paid 75.0 percent more per therm for natural gas compared to the nation. In each of the last 5 years, the per therm cost for natural gas in November for Atlanta households was at least 52 percent more than the U.S. average. (See chart 3.)

Chart 3. Average prices for utility (piped) gas, Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell and the United States, 2015–2019 (as of November)
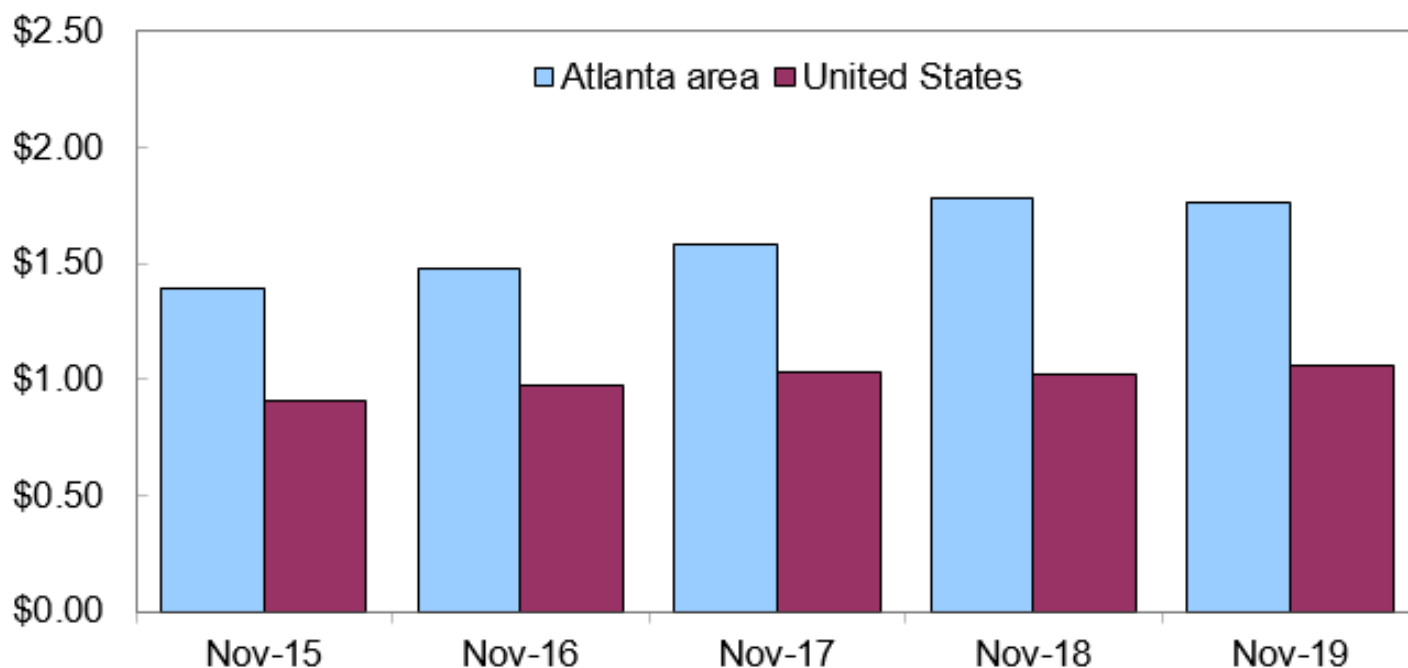
Per therm

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The **Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA Core Based Statistical Area** consists of Barrow, Bartow, Butts, Carroll, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, Dawson, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Haralson, Heard, Henry, Jasper, Lamar, Meriwether, Morgan, Newton, Paulding, Pickens, Pike, Rockdale, Spalding, and Walton Counties in Georgia.

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The Consumer Price Index for December 2019 is scheduled to be released on Tuesday, January 14, 2020.

Technical Note

Average prices are estimated from Consumer Price Index (CPI) data for selected commodity series to support the research and analytic needs of CPI data users. Average prices for electricity, utility (piped) gas, and gasoline are published monthly for the U.S. city average, the 4 regions, 9 divisions, 2 population size classes, 8 region/size-class cross-classifications, and the 23 largest local index areas. For electricity, average prices per kilowatt-hour (kWh) are published. For utility (piped) gas, average prices per therm are published. For gasoline, the average price per gallon is published. Average prices for commonly available grades of gasoline are published as well as the average price across all grades.

All eligible prices are converted to a price per normalized quantity. These prices are then used to estimate a price for a defined fixed quantity. The average price per kilowatt-hour represents the total bill divided by the kilowatt-hour usage. The total bill is the sum of all items applicable to all consumers appearing on an electricity bill including, but not limited to, variable rates per kWh, fixed costs, taxes, surcharges, and credits. This calculation also applies to the average price per therm for utility (piped) gas.

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Table 1. Average prices for gasoline, electricity, and utility (piped) gas, Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell and the United States, November 2018-2019, not seasonally adjusted

Year and month	Gasoline per gallon		Electricity per kWh		Utility (piped) gas per therm	
	Atlanta area	United States	Atlanta area	United States	Atlanta area	United States
2018						
November..	2.429	2.733	0.108	0.134	1.785	1.020
December..	2.171	2.479	0.105	0.135	1.872	1.085
2019						
January..	2.130	2.352	0.109	0.135	1.826	1.082
February	2.202	2.412	0.110	0.136	1.757	1.051
March	2.404	2.620	0.113	0.135	1.749	1.048
April	2.684	2.894	0.113	0.135	1.762	1.034
May...	2.676	2.963	0.116	0.136	1.754	1.035
June..	2.526	2.814	0.125	0.139	1.759	1.035
July	2.679	2.836	0.143	0.140	1.745	1.029
August	2.514	2.716	0.143	0.139	1.736	1.034
September..	2.541	2.694	0.145	0.139	1.744	1.019
October..	2.474	2.741	0.119	0.136	1.755	1.041
November..	2.475	2.687	0.119	0.133	1.763	1.058